

The Clarion

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A Message from the "Editor"

I am excited to announce a new look, distribution method and content direction for the St. Clement Monthly newsletter. My goal is to provide a concise letter that talks to the activities of the church, both recent happenings and upcoming events of interest. I hope that you like the new format of the newsletter and I welcome suggestions.

Distribution Method: In the interest of reducing paper usage and mailing costs, primary access for the newsletter will be via the St. Clement website and email. Remember to check out the St. Clement's website on a monthly basis to watch for new issues (typically to be posted around the first of the month, unlike this issue). The website not only contains our Newsletter but also information on the church itself, ministry areas and the day school. If you would like to receive the St. Clement Newsletter automatically via email sign up for the St. Clement yahoo group on the website under the communications page. In addition, we will continue to provide copies in the lobby of the church during Sunday Service and post one in MR Hall. For those who do not have access to the internet and cannot pick one up at the church, we will continue to mail printed copies to you. If you know of someone who falls into this last category, please let me know via the front office or an email.

Content Direction: Ideas for volunteers? Summarize a recent event? Hosting a Church event? Or maybe you know of something that a member of St. Clement has done in the community and would like to spotlight them or the event. Hearing about the good works of others is inspiring and I welcome your ideas and articles. Just write a brief paragraph and send it to lavinder_lee@yahoo.com. Are you planning an activity? Would you like to organize some type of group gathering? Again, writing up an article for the St. Clement is a great way to get others involved and solicit participation.

Thank you in advance for your insight, creativity, and ideas that will help make this years St. Clement Newsletter the best ever.

Lee Lavinder

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

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| 19 May | Thrift Shop closes until September. Bag sale 11, 12, 18 and 19 May to reduce inventory. |
| 20 May | United Thank Offering (UTO): The Spring in-gathering for UTO will be taken up on Sunday, 20 May at both services. Envelopes and boxes available in the Narthex and MR Hall. |
| 20 May | 400 th Anniversary of Christ Church. Festival Choral Evensong at 5 pm (at Christ Church). |
| 17 June | Bishop visits for confirmation at 10 am service. |
| 22-24 June | Shrinemont (please sign up in MR Hall by the end of May) |

DIRECTED GIVING WELCOME

Ever see something at St. Clements that needs to be fixed or improved upon? While St. Clements is wonderful, sometimes you might notice a small thing that could really make a difference. In recent months there have been several instances of "directed giving". These people saw something at the church they felt could be improved and gave time or money to make it happen.

If you would like to contribute to the church for a specific improvement, please mention it to Father John or any vestry member. We would love to recognize those that have contributed in the Clarion or you can choose to remain anonymous.

Confirmation Preparation Class Winds Down in May

The final class for Confirmation preparation was 6 May and focused on the Worldwide Anglican Communion. Make-up classes are available at 9 am on Sunday mornings; come to the kitchen. Those who finished with their Church and Community Service may turn their logs in.

Five from the confirmation class traveled to Fredericksburg for a day of "Preparing for Confirmation" with Bishop Lee, Bishop Jones and Parish Youth Ministries. On the van ride there, Lindsey Crabill knew most of the songs while Dru Hortum got most of the Bible quiz questions right. Emma Chaplin rode shotgun with instructors Annette Foster and Will Lawbaugh. On the way back they stopped for the best ice-cream between Richmond, Va. and Damascus, Md., with another stop at the newly opened Marine Corps Museum.

Confirmation candidates helped out with Christmas Tree sales and running flyers for the Christmas and Holy Week services at the Church of St. Clement. Sam and Maria Jones also clocked some of their service hours helping Trudy McGee bagging groceries for ALIVE! Sam was also able to use some of his Spanish language skills.

May 13th will be the final day for Seminarian Will Lawbaugh so that he can study for his final exams at VTS. By June 17 he will begin his new assignment in Central Pa. After priestly ordination in December, he hopes to return for his First Eucharist.

Help Wanted

Photographs/Photographer: If you have any good pictures of recent events, please drop them off in the front office so that we can post them in MR Hall. If you would like to take pictures at future events, please submit your name to Lee Lavinder and he will put event organizers in touch with you.

Chalicers/Lay Readers: Please contact Frances Harbour if you would like to volunteer your time for either of these roles.

CLARION SUBMISSIONS: Submissions for the Clarion should be made to Lee Lavinder either by email (lavinder_lee@yahoo.com) or by dropping it off in the church office.

Birthdays in May

5/1

Terry Border

5/5

Dennis Hardy

5/7

Corey Thornton

5/10

Naida Fisher

Marisa DiGirolamo

5/11

Lindsey Crabill

5/12

Cecilia Yarngo

James Payne

5/13

Bridget Conlon

5/16

Frances Harbour

5/17

Ishmael Ganame

5/26

Courtney Darlington

Marty Clark

5/27

Fiona Catherine

Brown

5/29

Danielle Frye

5/31

Marion Hinchman

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7pm Holy Eucharist	2 12:05 Healing Eucharist	3	4	5
6 8 & 10 am Service 11:30 Ministry Fair 6-8 pm Music Group	7	8 7pm Holy Eucharist Vestry Retreat	9 12:05 Healing Eucharist	10	11 Thrift Shop Bag Sale	12 Thrift Shop Bag Sale
13 8 & 10 am Service 6-8 pm Music Group	14	15 7pm Holy Eucharist	16 12:05 Healing Eucharist 6:00 pm Region 4 potluck at St. Clements	17 Life through a Lens @VTS Price Hall Lounge	18 Thrift Shop Bag Sale	19 Thrift Shop Bag Sale
20 8 & 10 am Service 6-8 pm Music Group United Thank Offering	21	22 7pm Holy Eucharist	23 12:05 Healing Eucharist	24	25	26
27 8 & 10 am Service 6-8 pm Music Group	28 Memorial Day (Church Office closed)	29 7pm Holy Eucharist	30 12:05 Healing Eucharist	31		Every Sat: 8:30 am books and the Bible 9-12 am: Altar Guild 10 am: AA meeting